# RE: Truck convoy - France - Vimy Memorial

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Fyi – I asked Jessica that we press PARIS in case there is anything that can be done. The mission should be activated. War monuments should not be tied to this.
I have also asked the we keep a close eye on what is happening on this file across the world.
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Hi – Can we please get the department to activate PARIS on this?
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VAC has put on our radar that a truck convoy in France is planning tomorrow to stop at the Vimy Ridge Memorial site and use it as a mustering point.
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France has jurisdiction over the land but VAC maintains the memorial and the visitors' centre on site. The gendarmes have refused our request to alter the protest route and we are waiting to hear if they will agree to close the parking lot. We do not need the site of this WW1 battle to be used as a staging area for a protest nor to be immediately in the background of the pictures that will inevitably come up. Our officials are in touch with the Embassy but I've been told that Embassy officials are not worried about the convoy nor the use of the parking lot at the Memorial. It would be helpful if we could push the Embassy to become engaged in this and work with the French to prevent the memorial site, its facilities to be used for such purpose.
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Please confirm.
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Sandra
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